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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Weather Hazards:** *Elevated/critical fire weather conditions across E NM into the TX/OK Panhandles*

**National Weather Service**

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# Key Points



## Today - Thursday

- Elevated/critical fire weather conditions E NM into the TX/OK Panhandles and Southern Plains Tuesday into Thursday.

## Friday

- No Significant Weather Impacts expected.

## Saturday

- Wintry mix will move in across northern AR and OK late Saturday night and continue into Sunday.

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

## Jan 30, 2018 through Feb 3, 2018

DAY / THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles	TX/OK Panhandles	SW OK into W TX & TX Panhandle		
Winter					N OK & OK AR (late)
River Flooding					

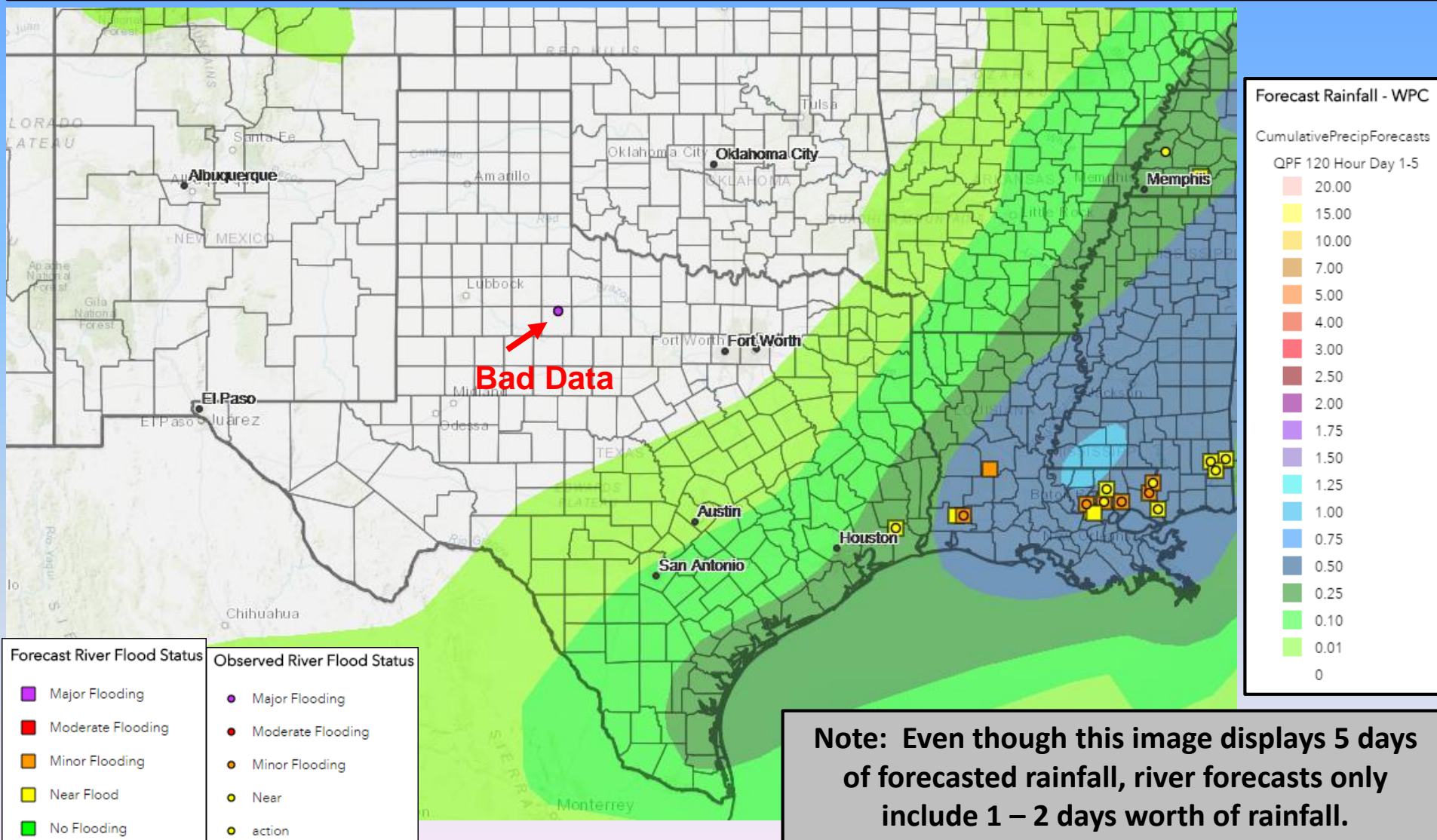
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

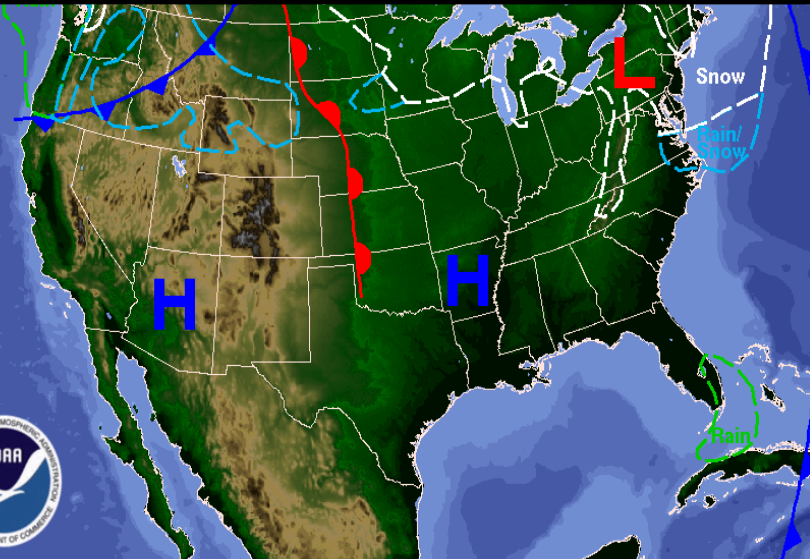


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Minor flooding across S LA will recede to normal levels by mid-week.



# Today's Weather

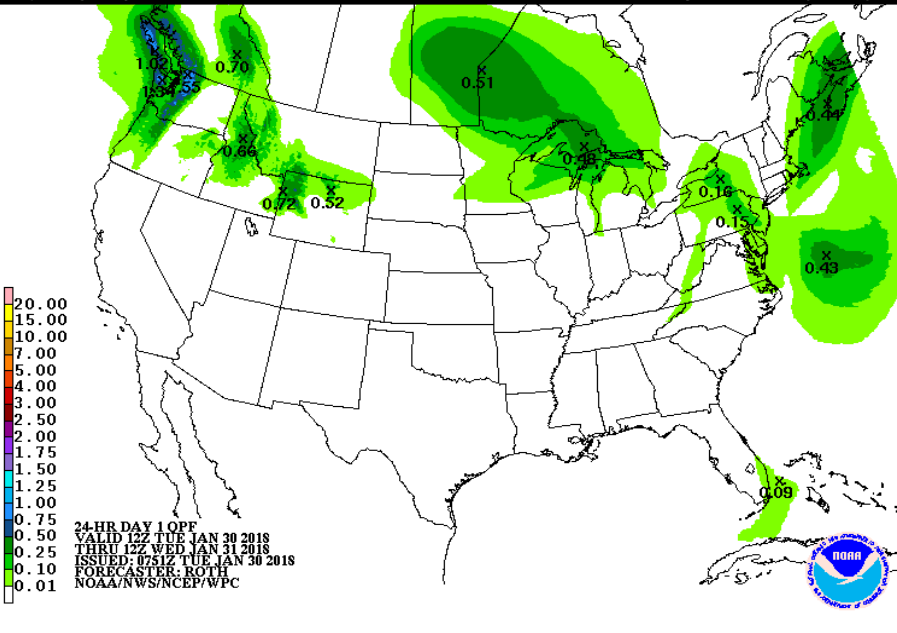


**Elevated/critical fire weather conditions across E NM into the TX/OK Panhandles.**

## Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Jan 30, 2018, issued 3:53 AM EST  
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
 Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

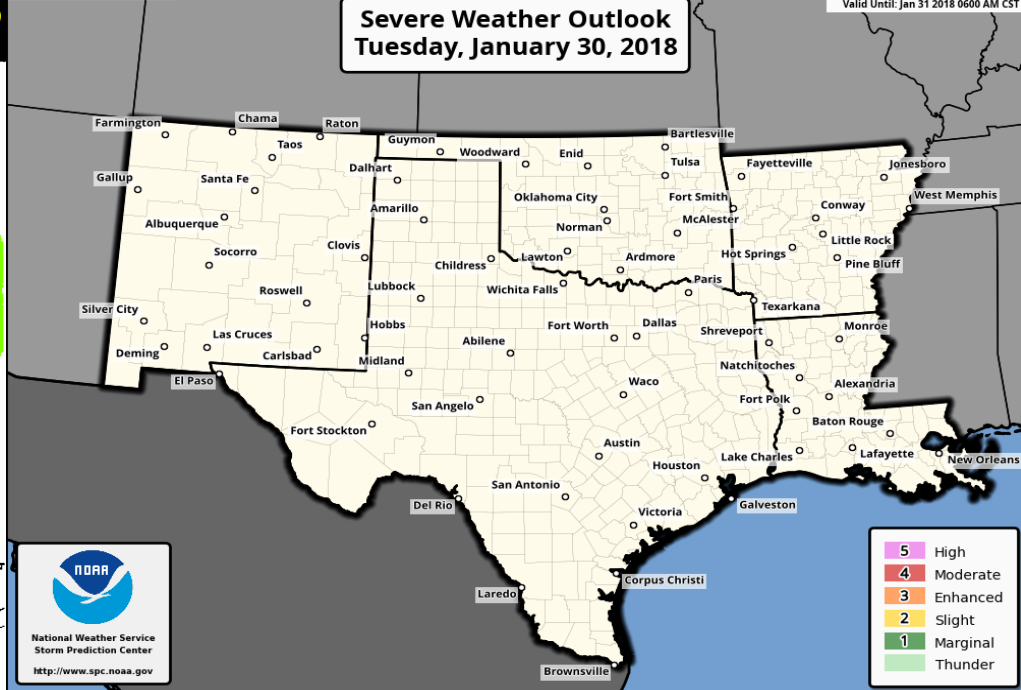
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 Rain and Snow  
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 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

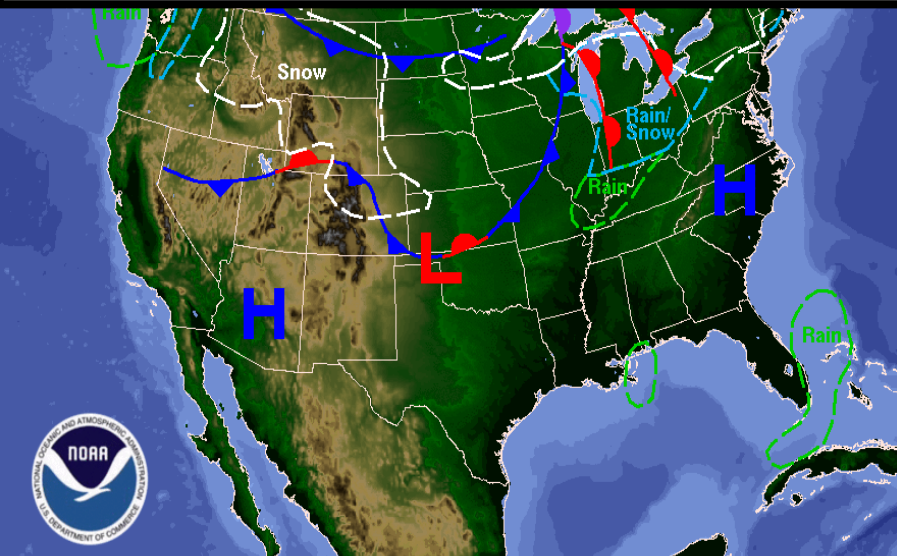
## Severe Weather Outlook Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Last Updated: Jan 30 2018 06:22 AM CST  
 Valid Until: Jan 31 2018 06:00 AM CST





# Tomorrow's Weather

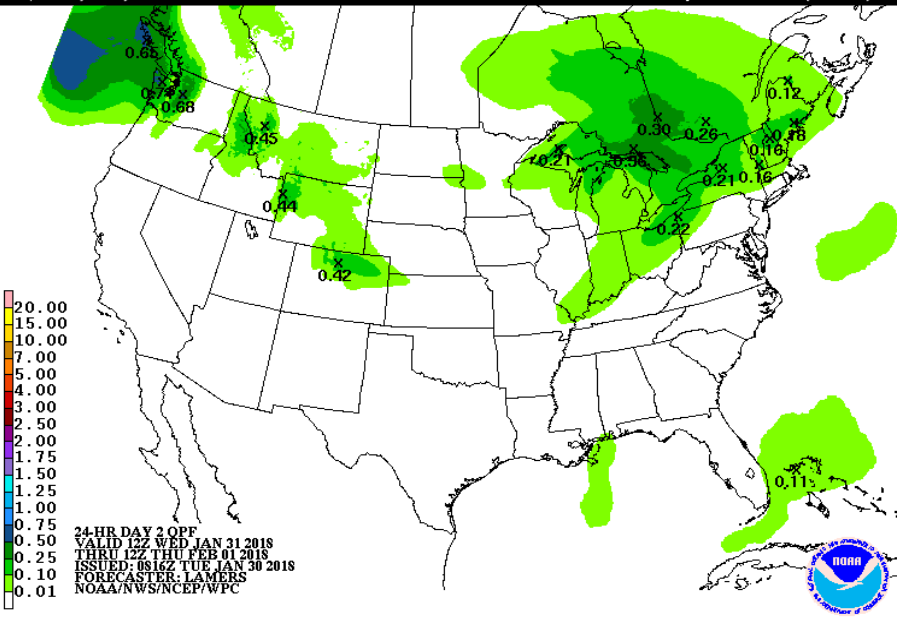


**Elevated/critical fire weather conditions across E NM into the TX/OK Panhandles.**

## Day 2 National Forecast Chart

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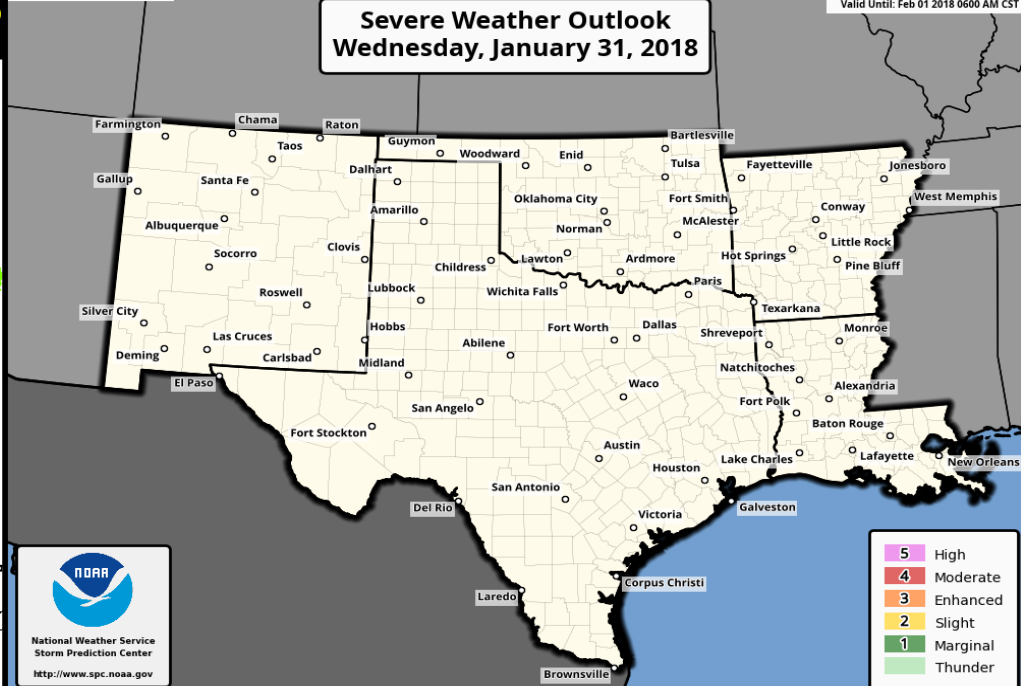
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**Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)**  
**Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)**



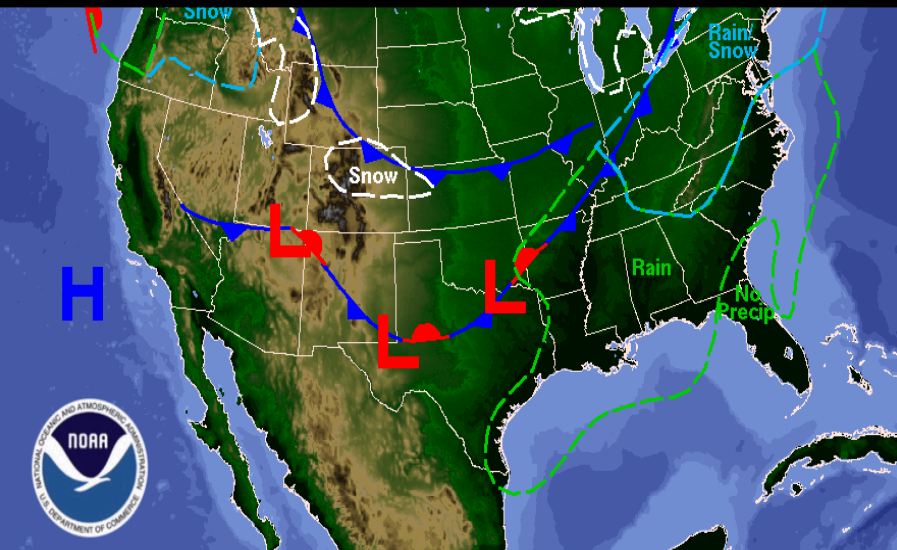
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## Severe Weather Outlook Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Last Updated: Jan 29 2018 1143 PM CST  
 Valid Until: Feb 01 2018 0600 AM CST



# Thursday's Weather

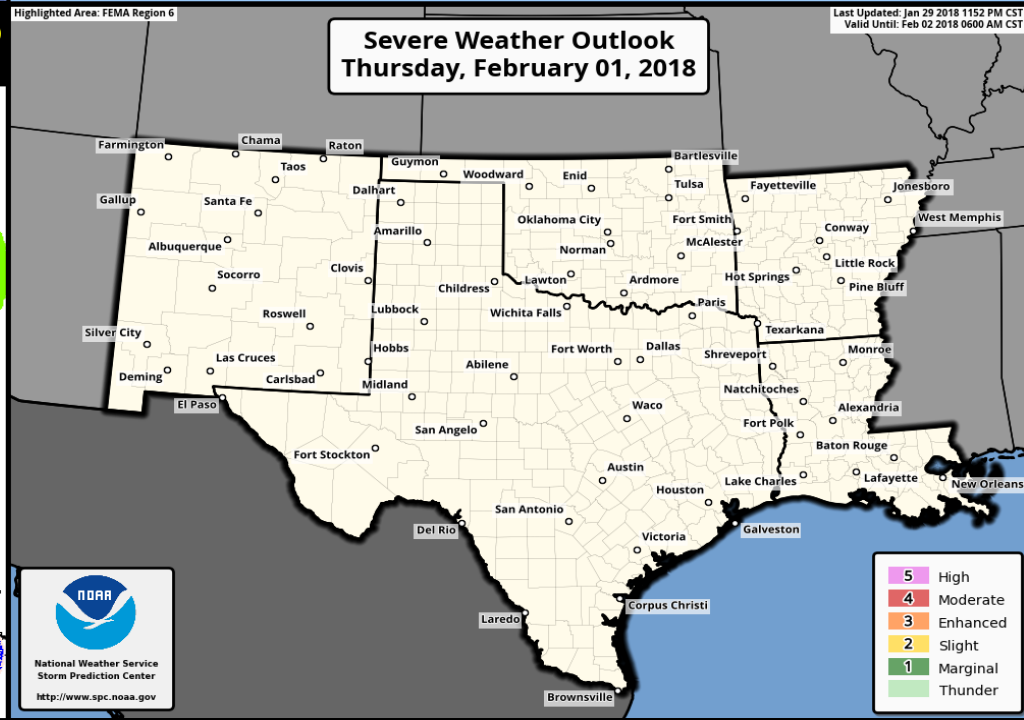
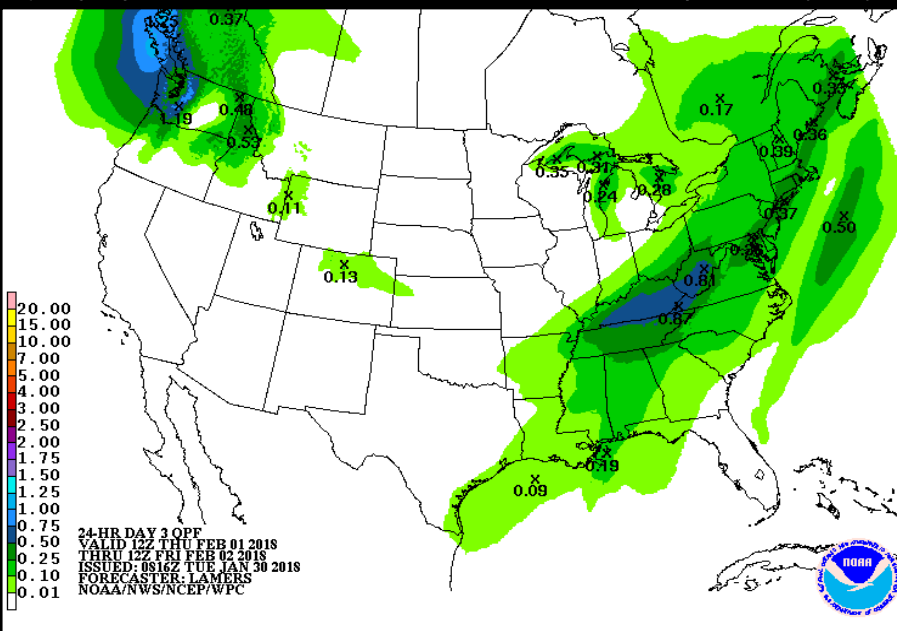


**Elevated fire weather conditions across E NM, SW OK into W TX & TX Panhandle**

## Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Feb 01, 2018, issued 3:59 AM EST Tue, Jan 30, 2018  
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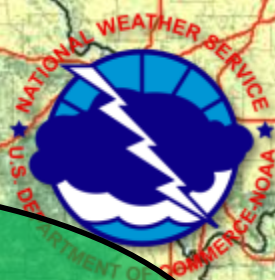
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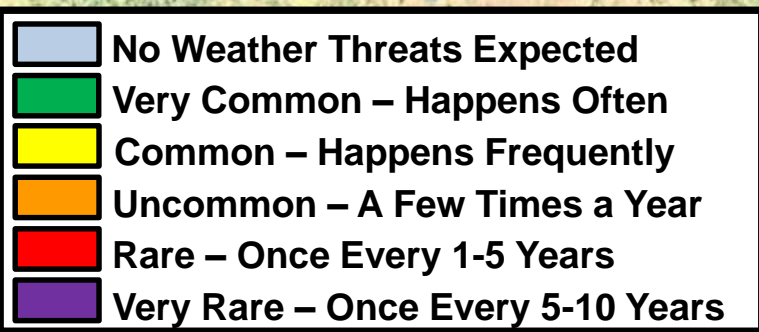


# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

## Friday - Saturday



Wintry mix will be possible  
Late Saturday night into Sunday



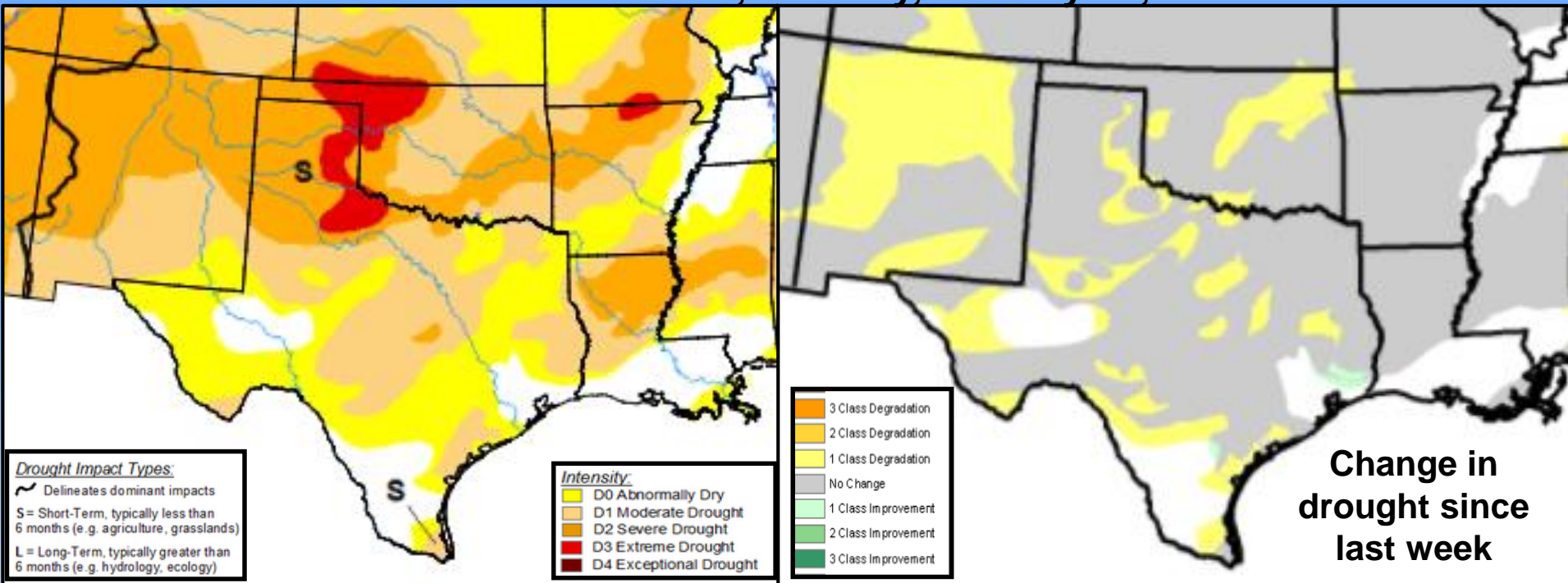
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# Drought Monitor Released January 25, 2018

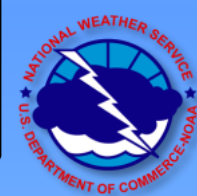
Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, January 23, 2018



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	2.37%	2.37%	0.00%	2.02%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	14.56%	12.10%	0.00%	3.90%
Texas	4.25%	2.01%	0.00%	0.01%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

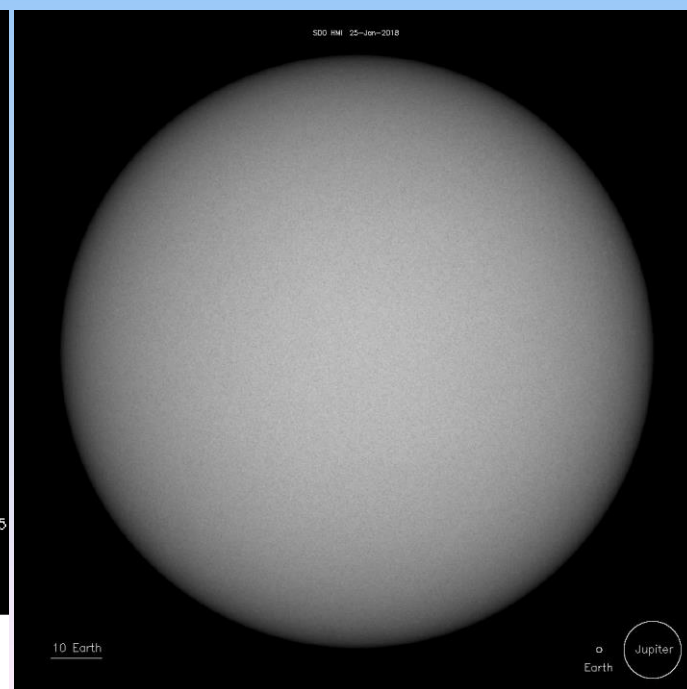
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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# The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov).



Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>